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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. I had visited Japan two years earlier and was in love with the peopleBy James C.I originally bought this book in 1984 when it was published. I had visited Japan two years earlier and was in love with the people, the culture and the food. I was a novice cook, so tackling this at the time was a major undertaking, but I did try a few recipes, and they all turned out well, in spite of my limited abilities. Since then, it has stayed on the shelf (or in a box), until I recently rekindled my interest in Japanese cooking. During a recent flooding incident, my old copy was ruined, so I re-ordered this, and it is so worth it. This is not "Japanese cooking made easy." It is the real deal, though. You will learn all the basics and much more. After looking again at the production quality of this book, I am amazed. It must have cost a fortune to publish this four-color book with stunning food presentation and photography at that time. If you have a bit of cooking experience and want to learn all about Japanese cooking methods, this is the book. From property slicing fish for sushi, to shabu-shabu and donabe cooking, it is an amazing journey.0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. An old favouriteBy C. J. ThompsonThis book has been published under the title 'Japanese Cookery' and 'Japanese Cooking: Complete Guide to the Simple and Elegant Art of Japanese Cuisine'. I own the former and I have something of a soft-spot for the book as it is the first book on Japanese

cookery I ever owned. It is now, some thirty years later, quite dog-eared and worn. Although a favorite, I would not recommend this book as a first book for novices. Although there is a lot of supplementary material about Japanese culture and cuisine, a lot of the recipes are not easy to follow and not all of them have illustrations. Even for more advanced cooks, there are plenty of other more recent books that are better so, much as I love this book, I would probably only recommend it as something for collector's of cookery books.